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SUBJ: EXTENSION OF FOOD AID CONVENTION

REF: A. STATE 28915

B. STATE 17175

1. SUMMARY. AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL (A), ECON/OUNS HAS CONVEYED U.S. POSITION ON EXTENSION OF FOOD AID CONVENTION (FAC) TO FONOFF AND REQUESTED THAT GOJ URGE EC BOTH TO SUPPORT EXTENSION OF CONVENTION AND TO MEET COMMUNITY'S FAC COMMITMENTS IN TIMELY FASHION. END SUMMARY.

2. ECON/OUNS MET AT FONOFF WITH TANIGUCHI (HEAD, ECONOMIC AFFAIRS DIV, UN BUREAU) AND OFFICIAL FROM SECOND ECONOMIC COOPERATION DIV, ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU, ON FEB 15 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF FOOD AID CONVENTION. (EMBOFF AND AGATT PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ISSUE WITH TANIGUCHI ON JAN 28, IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL (B).) ECON/OUNS EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION FAVORING FAC EXTENSION ON CONDITION EC ALSO REMAINS A PARTY. HE ALSO REVIEWED EC'S ARREARAGES IN MEETING IT CON-

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TRIBUTIONS IN PAST TWO FISCAL YEARS AND EMPHASIZED THAT USG

WOULD HAVE TO RECONSIDER ITS SUPPORT OF FAC RENEWAL UNLESS EC IMPROVES ITS PERFORMANCE IN MEETING ITS MINIMUM COMMITMENTS. ECON/COUNS NOTED THAT THESE VIEWS ALSO WERE BEING CONVEYED BY U.S. REPS IN OTHER CAPITALS AND URGED THAT JAPAN MAKE A SIMILAR DEMARCHE TO EC MEMBER STATES.

3. TANIGUCHI SAID FAC ISSUE IS CURRENTLY SUBJECT OF INTER-MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. HE SAID GOJ FAVORS FAC EXTENSION IN PRINCIPLE AND ASSUMED THAT JAPANESE POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT OF U.S. WOULD EMERGE FROM CURRENT DISCUSSIONS. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT EXPECT THAT FINAL DECISION WOULD BE REACHED BEFORE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK. HE INDICATED THAT MINISTRIES WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER A JAPANESE APPROACH TO EC MEMBER STATES ALTHOUGH HE ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME QUESTION WHETHER JAPAN ACTUALLY COULD INFLUENCE THE COMMUNITY'S POSITION. ECON/COUNS RESPONDED THAT JAPAN WAS A SUBSTANTIAL DONOR UNDER FAC AND, AS SUCH, SHOULD NOT UNDERESTIMATE STRENGTH OF ITS VIEWS TOWARDS FUTURE OF THE CONVENTION. HE ALSO STRESSED ADVERSE IMPACT WHICH EC DECISION NOT TO RENEW FAC WOULD HAVE ON WFC, IN WHICH GOJ HAS SHOWN PARTICULAR INTEREST.

4. TANIGUCHI PROMISED TO CALL ECON/COUNS AS SOON AS GOJ ADOPTED A FIRM POSITION.
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